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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA WILL CONSIDER COSPONSORING LISTING
REQUEST FOR YEMENIS

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11. (S) The Australian government will consider co-sponsoring the request to list Al-Qa,ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) and its two leaders under UNSCR 1267. Peter Scott, Director of Sanctions and Transnational Crime at DFAT, said that he would be unable to give a firm answer on whether Australia will co-sponsor the listing request until Foreign Minister Stephen Smith was back in the office on January 5th, but that Australia has co-sponsored similar requests in the past. Scott did not see why this particular case would be any different. He assured us that the issue would be given a high priority when the Minister returned and expected that they would have a firm answer for us by the middle of this week. A follow-up cable will be sent when we know what the decision will be.

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